



News

from Congressman
PETE KING

3rd Congressional District, Nassau County, New York

403 Cannon Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

• 1003 Park Boulevard, Massapequa Park, New York 11762

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Kevin Fogarty (202) 225-7896

(800) 206-2448 (pager)

REP. KING AND SEN. McCain JOIN FORCES TO REFORM VOTING STANDARDS

Introduce The American Voting Standards and Technology Act

Congressman Peter King (R-NY) will introduce **The American Voting Standards and Technology Act** in the House of Representatives this week. This legislation, identical to the bill which Sen. John McCain (R-AZ) has introduced in the Senate, will develop a voluntary set of standards to modernize and improve the voting process and restore voter confidence.

In an effort to avoid a repeat of the 2000 presidential elections, Rep. King stated "Sen. McCain and I are committed to restoring a voting process that produces confidence. Every vote must be counted quickly and correctly." King added "Far too often voters encountered problems that, if not corrected, will undermine the integrity of the democratic process. Overcrowding, long lines, broken machines all point to a system that is antiquated and lacks dependability."

By providing federal matching funds, **The American Voting Standards and Technology Act** encourages state and local governments to take an active role in election reform without fear of unduly burdensome or restrictive federal regulations. Rep. King stated "This legislation is essential if Americans are to have a modern, efficient and honest voting process. I am proud to join with Sen. McCain in this crusade to reform America's voting standards."

The American Voting Standards and Technology Act will